

## PORTER IS "RILED"

Park Commissioner Has Been Doing Charitable Work.

Objects to Having Persons Dictate Nature of Supplies.

SAYS BEGGARS ARE CHOOSERS

One Woman Made Order for Meadow Gold Butter.

Another Specified Hand-Picked Apples in Demand.

"I am naturally charitably inclined and especially am in favor of having the city help its needy people," said Commissioner W. L. Porter this morning. "But it certainly does rile me to have people who are depending upon the city for food supplies tell me they are too good to eat things and use things that plenty of people with good incomes buy regularly for their families."

This outburst on the part of the commissioner was due, immediately to an appeal from a woman on the East side who telephoned in and instructed Porter to send down at once "a peck of nice hand-picked apples."

"Hand-picked apples," exploded the commissioner. "Say, I don't want to be discourteous, but you'll get just the same kind of apples I am using at home and the kind of apples most Topeka people are getting now. You'll get windfalls."

The woman wasn't particular then whether he sent any apples if she could not have the hand-picked variety.

"She didn't say," said Porter, "but I suppose if she had had time she would have specified Jonathans, too."

Requests of his sort appear to be the rule in Porter's department, the department which looks after such cases. One woman who has a number of children and needs assistance called up the office the other day and put in an order that staggered the veteran who handles the telephone.

No Oats for Her.

Among other things she specified "Meadow Gold butter." And when she was informed that country butter or oleomargarine would be sent she was indignant.

My children will not eat oleomargarine," she replied. The veteran turned to Porter and stated the conversation.

"Well, I eat it every day at the restaurant and I think it is pretty good stuff," he replied. "If those children can't eat it they'll have to learn so far as this department is concerned."

The woman also wanted sugar, and specified "white sugar." The city usually sends out brown sugar in such cases—not the old fashioned strong brown sugar, but a light brown sugar procured from some of the best homes in Topeka. But when that was suggested to this woman she decided to hold no further converse with the office over the telephone. She visited Commissioner Porter in person and told him all about it.

"Say," said the commissioner, "I have seen the time and I doubt not I will see it again when brown sugar will taste like candy to me. What's wrong with it? Are you too good to accept brown sugar from the city when it costs you nothing?"

Children Are Particular.

The woman explained that personally she was none too good to eat brown sugar but that her children wouldn't stand for it. But she took brown sugar. This woman also wanted hard sent to the house to use for "shortening purposes."

"We had to send, it too," said Porter.

er, "for if we hadn't the probabilities are that butter or oleo would have been used for that purpose and we would have had to pay for a higher priced shortening in the long run."

"This office," said Porter today, "wants to do the right thing. It wants to help the people who need help and wants to help them in the right way. But such instances as these take all the interest out of it. They put an official on the defensive and keep him there. They put him in a position where instead of doing what good he can with a free hand he is always suspicious that some one is trying to work him."

JURY FAILS TO AGREE

Discharged Without Reaching a Verdict in the Case of Harris vs. Drenning.

Following a deliberation lasting two days, the jury in the case of Zella M. Harris against F. G. Drenning, a local attorney, hung itself on the vote of 3 to 3 in favor of the Harris woman today and was discharged by Judge George H. Whitcomb in the second division of the district court. This was the second time that the case has been heard before a jury.

The litigation involves about \$421, insurance alleged to have been collected by Drenning for the woman and interest thereon. Mrs. Harris claims that Drenning collected over a thousand dollars insurance for her on a house that burned and failed to turn a part of the money over to her. At the former trial she obtained a judgment.

RABBIT ALIVE NOW

Inoculated Animal Thought to Have Died, Kicking Around Again.

There was grief at the city building this morning when it was reported that the white rabbit inoculated with the serum made from the brain of the rabbit dog belonging to F. A. Sanderson had died. It meant that all the work of Dr. H. B. Wood and Dr. Sam Greenfield had been in vain.

But along toward noon Dr. Hercules, who looks after the animals out at Gaze park, came to town and stated that he had made a mistake. The rabbit isn't dead. Hercules saw the rabbit kicking around like it was breathing its last and in order to keep Dr. Greenfield posted he telephoned to that effect.

Then he took another look at the rabbit and it was very much alive.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

John F. Spencer, age 58, died this morning after a lingering illness at the home of his son, F. M. Spencer, 1352 Gierfield avenue. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the residence. Interment in Topeka cemetery.

The funeral of C. F. Krepf, who died at the home of his daughter in Horton, will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at Conwell's chapel. Interment in Rochester cemetery.

The funeral of Patrick H. Donahue, who died Thursday, was held this morning at the Church of the Assumption. Interment in Mount Calvary cemetery.

Suffragist Press Suit.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Woman suffragists will carry their cause to the Republican national committee when it meets here next Tuesday. The leaders decided today to ask Chairman Hillis for a hearing, such as they had before the Democratic national committee this week.

## HOSTS GO TO WAR

Rush of English Overwhelms Recruiting Stations.

Extra Officers Needed; Can't Examine New Soldiers.

London, Dec. 11.—In a whirlwind attempt to stave off conscription, thousands of men eligible for military service overwhelmed the recruiting offices in London and provincial cities and towns today, anxious to enlist before the Lord Derby voluntary recruiting which was closed at midnight.

The government hurried volunteers to the lagged out recruiting clerks. But so great was the rush to enlist in London today that it became necessary to dispense with the usual medical examination. Medical officials merely noted the name of each volunteer and will make the examinations later.

Crowds at All Stations.

The chief recruiting station at Scotland Yard remained open until early today handling the great crowd of recruits that formed in line yesterday. At 7 a. m. today offices were opened again. Outside was another crowd that had been lined up for more than an hour.

Conspicuous in this crowd were several men in silk hats, dozens of bank clerks and many professional men. In South London, the crowds which gathered before daybreak exceeded that at Scotland Yard. Young men and middle aged men, married and single, enlisted by the thousands.

Recruiting in provincial cities went on almost all night, where thousands entered.

Women school teachers were pressed into service as assistants to the recruiting officers in Glasgow, where great crowds stood in the rain waiting to be enrolled. At Leeds, 300 extra recruiting clerks were on duty.

No one knows even approximately the result of the recruiting campaign except Lord Derby. He refused to say how many recruits he had today, but he said that no figures will be made public until he completes his report for the cabinet tomorrow. On this report probably will depend the decision of the government on the question of conscription.

GAS DECISION

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word of evidence was to the effect that the future life of the gas field was six years.

"In view of the opinion, I shall recommend that we proceed under the rate until a further order can be secured and that such action be taken at once."

It is Stone's opinion that consumers will pay the new rate for gas consumed this month. The readings for November are being made at this time and the new charges will be based on the 25 cent order, it was stated.

"Some time before the first of the year, we will begin action to compel the granting of a compensatory rate," Stone stated. "I cannot say just what day this will be done or in what manner we will proceed, although it is probable that a suit will be brought in the state courts."

Gas Up to 25 Cents.

Consumers of natural gas must pay 25 cents a thousand feet, an increase of three cents, according to a decision of Joseph L. Bristow, the Kansas public utilities commission. Attorneys for the Kansas Natural Gas company will in the next few days announce whether they will appeal from Bristow's decision. The new order is effective January 1.

The latest gas case was submitted to Bristow more than a month ago. Except in the elimination of the pro-

## MUZZLE THE DOGS

Commissioner Porter Has Issued a Sweeping Order.

Is Determined to Wipe Out the Hydrophobia Epidemic.

When the last legislature enacted the law making a dog personal property it put a crimp in the most approved methods of handling a mad dog scare. Heretofore, when city officials have thought it to be to the best interests of the city to kill a dog the dog has been killed. But killing off personal property indiscriminately is something different.

The present city officials have run up against that snag in handling the present epidemic of rabies. City Attorney George Heywood is confident that there is some way out and is looking the matter up. But for the present no dogs will be killed unless the gas company and some of them have developed rabies. Officials are of the opinion that they should all be kept but they will not be for the present.

Commissioner W. L. Porter put into effect today an order requiring the owners of dogs to muzzel the city limits and intends to enforce it to the letter in that part of town where mad dogs have been reported.

put a second man at work on the dog problem. The new man will hunt up all stray dogs and if he cannot find their owners will do something else just what else has not been decided.

Friday afternoon the 10 year old dog of George Gill of 1013 Locust street was knocked down and bitten by a dog while playing on the dike, west of the Melay bridge. The animal was a large white and yellow dog. It is not known that it was mad and the dog has not been located since.

The dog was taken to the office of Dr. A. B. Jeffrey but Pasteur treatment was not administered. The boy's father was called today and he said he has no knowledge that the dog was suffering from rabies.

INDUSTRIAL SURVEY

One Hundred High School Students Are Engaged in the Work in Topeka.

An industrial survey of the trades and professions represented in Topeka was begun Friday afternoon by 100 high school students under the direction of J. F. Kahlo, vocational counselor and instructor in the Topeka high school, and Herman H. Bencke, instructor in economics and civics. It is believed that the city can be covered in a week. The findings of the students will then be compared with the findings of the city.

So far as is known the survey commenced Friday morning is the first of its kind ever taken in Topeka. For some time instructors in the school have felt the importance of having access to information that would show what Topeka has to offer the young man who leaves the high school. The students were furnished with blanks carrying all questions that the instructors in economics and civics, it is believed that the city can be covered in a week. The findings of the students will then be compared with the findings of the city.

Girls outnumber the boys on the committee which is making the survey of the city. From the economics and civics classes, eighty-five students were chosen to secure the necessary information. Of this number one-third are boys. Sixteen pupils were drawn from the commercial and geography. The second quota is evenly divided between the boys and girls.

E. C. MANNING IS DEAD

Founder of Winfield and Ex-Politician Was Editor of the Courier.

Winfield, Kan., Dec. 11.—Edwin C. Manning, founder of Winfield, died here today, aged 75 years. He was one of the first editors of the Winfield Courier.

Mr. Manning was president of the Kansas State Historical society in 1911 and at the time of his death was a member of the board of directors of that organization. He had served in the Kansas senate from Marshall county from 1885 to 1870 was a member of the board of regents of the Kansas State Agricultural college.

WAR BY VOX POPULI

Senator Owen Would Have Voice of People in Any Proposed Act of Aggression; His Resolution to Congress.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, would have the federal constitution amended to prevent any act of aggression by United States without approval by the popular vote. The Oklahoma senator will present his resolution for the following amendment to the constitution:

"No war of aggression shall be waged by the United States except upon a declaration of war by congress, ratified and approved by majority of votes cast in a majority of the congressional districts of the United States."

SCHOOL MEN HERE

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ing of state championships was brought up before the conference about 11 o'clock and was backed by Washburn, Baker, Fairmount and others and a motion was made to do away with the championship committee, but failed to carry a necessary two-thirds vote to make it effective, and the committee was allowed to stand.

A ruling was made that all members of the conference that fail to pay their dues in the association shall be fined five dollars.

Honorable Mention to Cooper.

The meeting adjourned at noon a reconvened at 1:30 at which time the championship committee reported that it was unable to award a championship this year, but voted an honorable mention to Cooper college for the good record made by the Cooper team. Also, upon the recommendation

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